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Woman Pleads Guilty to Falsely Reporting Assault on Navy Base

Charleston, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney William N. Nettles stated today that Tracy Lynn Valderrama, age 30, of Beaufort, SC, pled guilty this week to providing a false statement to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), under 18 U.S.C. 1001. Valderrama admitted that on February 3, 2009, while a resident on Parris Island, she reported to NCIS that a masked individual broke into her home, put a knife to her throat, and sexually assaulted her. Navy investigators later found through that this did not, in fact, happen.

Valderrama faces up to five years imprisonment for the offense. The plea was taken by the Honorable Sol Blatt Jr.. The case was investigated by agents of

the NCIS, and is being prosecuted by Nathan Williams of the Charleston office.

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